

Assembly Bill No. 2387

CHAPTER 164

An act to amend Section 31119 of the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2387, Bates. State Coastal Conservancy: education programs: grants.

Existing law authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to undertake projects to provide educational programs for children and adults relating to the preservation, protection, enhancement, and maintenance of coastal resources, and to award grants to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and public agencies for this purpose.

Existing law provides that the conservancy is not required to take any action pursuant to those provisions, unless and until funds are made available by the Legislature specifically for the purpose described above. Existing law prohibits the conservancy from using more than 10% of the funds provided for the program for administrative costs.

This bill would prohibit the conservancy from awarding a grant to a local public educational agency or community college, if the source of the grant is the General Fund.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31119 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

31119. (a) (1) The conservancy may undertake educational projects and programs for pupils in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, relating to the preservation, protection, enhancement, and maintenance of coastal resources, and may award grants to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and public agencies for those purposes, subject to the limitations contained in subdivision (b).

(2) An educational grant program established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include all of the following:

(A) Funds provided for the educational program may be used for planning and implementation or development of marine science education programs.



(B) An educational program shall meet State Board of Education adopted content standards.

(C) The conservancy may consult with the Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to awarding grants pursuant to this section.

(D) A grant recipient shall use a portion of any funding provided for an educational program to promote maximum participation of pupils and schools, by providing scholarships or grants for this purpose.

(E) A nonprofit organization shall comply with all of the following as a condition of receiving a grant:

(i) Document increased pupil participation in its educational programs.

(ii) Provide outreach to low-income, underserved, and noncoastal areas.

(iii) Maintain any data necessary for evaluation, as determined by the conservancy.

(b) The conservancy is not required to take any action under subdivision (a), unless and until new funds from sources not currently available to the conservancy are made available by the Legislature for the purposes described in subdivision (a). No more than 10 percent of the funds provided for the educational programs under subdivision (a) may be used for the costs of the conservancy in administering the projects. No General Fund money may be used to fund a grant awarded pursuant to subdivision (a) to a local public educational agency or community college.

